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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF FRG PROSECUTION OF LORENZ
KIDNAPPERS

REFS: (A) USBER 55; (B) STATE 6142; (C) USBER 43;
(D) BONN 319

1. RESPONDING TO REF (B), US BONN GROUP REP CALLED
FRG COUNTERPART AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JANUARY 12 TO
REITERATE POINTS ALREADY MADE IN JANUARY 7 BONN GROUP
MEETING (REF D) AND TO STRESS THAT FULL CONSULTATION
REQUIRED BEFORE FRG DECISION REACHED. FRG REP RESPONDED
THAT HE WAS FOLLOWING UP ON HIS UNDERTAKING OF
JANUARY 7 AND HIS INQUIRIES HAD GONE FORWARD.

2. AT JANUARY 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (LUECKING)
REPORTED TO ALLIES: (A) PRESS REPORTS THAT DECISION
ALREADY TAKEN FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTION IN LORENZ CASE
WERE INCORRECT; AND (B) BASED ON REQUEST OF THREE ALLIES,
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THE FRG JUSTICE MINISTER HAD INSTRUCTED THE FEDERAL

PROSECUTOR GENERAL (BUBACK) TO CONTACT THE JUSTICE
MINISTRY BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION IN MATTER. LUECKING
ADDED THAT THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR HAD THE MESSAGE THAT
NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH
THE THREE ALLIES. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO FAIT
ACCOMPLI.

3. ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LUECKING'S
ASSURANCES. QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 16, REF (C), AS
WELL AS NEED FOR CONSIDERING HOW TO RESPOND TO SOVIET
PROTESTS WERE CITED AS EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ON WHICH
ALLIES WOULD WISH TO CONSULT.

4. BONN GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE AS FRG PROVIDES
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
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